

Physical Therapy News

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Meeting Dates:

- August 1, 2012
- November 7, 2012

Please note that meeting dates and locations are subject to change or may be cancelled due to lack of business. All meetings are held in: Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Room W064 of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Helpful Links:

FSBPT: https://www.fsbpt.org
INAPTA: http://www.inapta.org
APTA: http://www.apta.org

Call for Comments: Upcoming CAPTE Program Reviews

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) invites comments from the physical therapy community regarding the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant programs scheduled for review at CAPTE's November 2012 meeting. Comments will be accepted until September 1.

A list of programs scheduled for review is available in this <u>document</u>. Information about how to provide comments is available on <u>CAPTE</u>'s website.

ROEC: IN Physical Therapy Committee

The Regulatory Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) met on June 20, 2012 to continue its evaluation of the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee (IPTC), which issue licenses to physical therapist and physical therapist assistants. ROEC was formed due to a law passed in 2010 that requires an evaluation of the need for and function of every license type administered by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency for the State of Indiana.

In April and May, Mary Bennett, Chair of the IPTC, Kelly Renner, INAPTA, and Ted Kennedy, past member of the IPTC, presented information to ROEC regarding the relevance of the IPTC, and painted a picture of how Indiana compares to our sister states when it comes to regulating the profession.

The IPTC made several recommendations to ROEC on how to improve oversight of Indiana's physical therapy profession. The recommendations included the creation of a Physical Therapy Board, independent of the Medical Licensing Board.

ROEC tabled the discussion and will continue to review the recommendation when it begins to look at cross-cutting issues.

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Disciplinary Action:

A list of board disciplinary actions may be found on our license litigation system at http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/

Free online licensure look-ups may be obtained at https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx. This is a real time database and is the best resource for accurate data.

FSBPT Fixed Date Testing:

2012 NPTE-PT:

- July 31
- October 23

2013 NPTE-PT:

- > January 29
- April 30
- July 24
- October 30

2012 NPTE-PTA:

- > July 17
- October 30

2013 NPTE-PTA:

- January 8
- April 8
- July 10
- October 9

Newsletter Schedule:

- March
- July
- November

Becoming Involved with FSBPT

Exam Committees

One of the best mechanisms for understanding and providing input into the NPTE development process is to volunteer on the exam committees. Over 50% of the participants on the NPTE development committees are faculty and over 60% of the item writers are faculty. While faculty representation on the committees must be balanced with other practice settings, we welcome your participation. In order to qualify to be on an NPTE committee, you generally need prior item writing experience. You also should be able to work as a team, and understand and support of the mission of the FSBPT.

NPTE Item Writers

Applications to become an item writer are available at the FSBPT website in the SHORTCUTS box - click on "Volunteer Application Online." Item writers who have shown an understanding of the item development process and have met productivity requirements are considered for specific exam committee appointments.

What's Happening in your Profession?

The Indiana PT Committee is in the final stages of drafting its continuing competency rule. Continue watching our website at http://www.in.gov/pla/pt.htm for more information on the public hearing before the Medical Licensing Board.

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